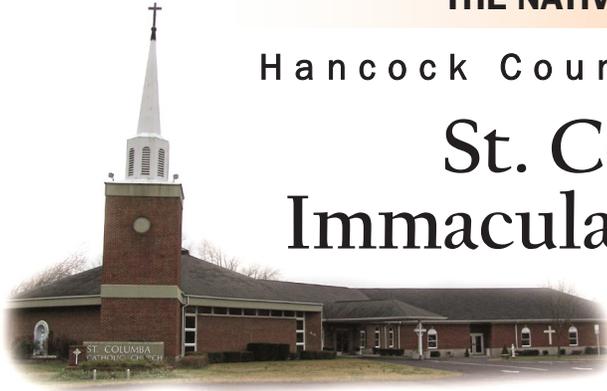


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 295-3494
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351
For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.



Celebration of the Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request the anointing by contacting Fr. Terry.

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

Reconciliation • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

Eucharist • First Eucharist is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.



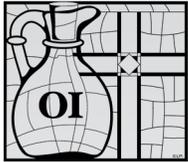
From Father's Desk

Doing the Work of Jesus

Today the universal Church throughout the world acknowledges the role of John the Baptist and his contribution in preparing others to receive Jesus Christ. Even though he was rated as an outstanding preacher in his day and even when the crowds flocked to him John clarified, "I am not the Messiah—I am not worthy to unfasten the strap on His sandal." John also spoke of himself as only a voice crying out in the wilderness wanting others to follow the true Lamb of God, who was coming into the world. Like John we too share in the mission of bringing others to Jesus. Do our actions and examples point to the Risen Christ and do others see us as being Christ –like? May our intentions always focus on Christ and let John's statement "I must decrease and He must increase." be our motto as well. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

As we celebrate today's feast, we are reminded that God creates and fashions each one of us with intent and purpose. We are not random accidents. We are special creations and wonderfully made. Each of us brings a unique twist to the one shot at life that we are given. As people of faith and children of God, we are asked to use our specialness to announce God's kingdom. Each of us reveals a unique part of God's face. Each day presents opportunities to communicate our faith to others and to reveal God's mercy. We have the means to point the way to Christ. How can we show Jesus to others today?



Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Reach out and invite all who are sick in body or spirit to come to Mass next weekend for this healing sacrament.

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Put some adventure in your summer. Sign up for camp today. Camps range from 3rd grade thru 12th grade. Dates are filling up fast! See our website www.icscchurch.org and click youth group or go to www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org and register online. Scholarships are available by contacting Denise at the church office.

Squires Selling Ice Cream at Vastwood July 4th Celebration

Stop by and buy a scoop of ice cream on a cone or in a bowl on Saturday June 30th for Vastwood's Fourth of July celebration. Show your support for our squires!

Young Adult Holy Hour

Join us for a young adult holy hour on Monday, July 9th from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. The holy hour will include a short Scripture reading and reflection, the opportunity to go to confession, and alternating periods of silence and prayerful music. You are welcome to come for the whole hour, or just stop in for a few minutes. We provide brochures to help guide you through the holy hour experience. This holy hour is open to ages 18-39. Afterwards, you're invited to join us for dinner at a local nearby restaurant. To learn more contact Denise at 270-929-7555 or email charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org.

Immaculate Conception Picnic July 7th

Each family is asked to donate the following:

- Two Cans of Baked Beans – 22 Oz. Size, 10lbs of potatoes and/or 1 bag of onions. Leave in the front of church any weekend after Mass between now and July 6th.
- Country Store Items (handcrafted items, kids prizes, home décor, toys, etc.) Leave at Church Office any time between now and July 6th.
- Two cakes- Bring to the Parish Hall on the afternoon of Friday, July 6th by 5:00 pm, or on Saturday, July 7th by 12:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 26

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Judy Pate

Wednesday, June 27

5:30 pm Keith Johnson IC
By Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday, June 28

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC
By Dan & Agnes Murphy

Friday, June 29

8:00 am Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Saturday, June 30

5:00 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

Sunday, July 1

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Readings for the Week

June 24, 2018

Sunday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9D]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps

119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

We hear one of the four "Servant of the Lord" oracles from the Book of Isaiah, composed during Israel's captivity in Babylon (around 550 BC). In what ways do you see John the Baptist fulfilling this prophecy?

Second Reading

In a synagogue in the city of Pisidia, Paul speaks of the preaching of John the Baptist, about 20 years after John's martyrdom. What does this tell us about the oral tradition of the early Church?

Gospel Reading

Luke is the only evangelist to narrate the birth of John the Baptist. Why do you think this was important to Luke?

Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

Bulletin Board

Sunday, June 24

Joint SC Finance and Pastoral Council meeting after 8:30 am Mass SC

Sunday, July 1

1st Sunday Donuts SC

Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful Father's Day breakfast at St. Columba. It was delicious and amaaaazing!! Thank you to all who helped to decorate, cook and clean up. Your giving and kindness was much appreciated.

Upcoming Parish Picnics

Immaculate ConceptionJuly 7
St. Mary of the Woods,
McQuadyJuly 28
St. Columba..... Sept 15
St. Lawrence/St. William Sept 16

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, July 1

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Butch Meriwether

Todd Payne, Dian Heavrin

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: volunteer

Cross Bearer: Jordan Bozarth

Gift Bearer: Gerald & Sandra Davis

Hospitality: Joe & Donna Hagman
volunteer, Tina Nelson

Vocation Statue: Faye Wettstain

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Trina Ogle

Lexi Hodge, Marilyn McCaslin

Lector: Mary Woodward

Server: Hunter Severs, Abby Walz

Cross Bearer: Shirlene Quinn

Gift Bearer: Dan & Shirley Hagman

Hospitality: Mark & Amanda Walz
Judy Powers, Dale Reddin

Vocation Statue: Vic & Barbara Hagman

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey,
Frances Storm, Eddie Gray,

Bill McBrayer, Pat Edge, Kevin Gearlds

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Lillie Lanham

Dorothy Beauchamp,

Thomas Flood, Shirley Mobley,

Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

**Please call the Parish Office to add or
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack"? Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Letting Go

Life for all of us is a series of "decreases," of letting go. It is the only way there can be life and growth. But if each of our letting-go experiences has in some way enlarged Christ's life in us, as they did in John, than all those decreases will lead to the final great increase. We can say with John, "It is my joy and my joy is complete." —Patricia Gits Opatz

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,269.00
Collection 6-17-18\$2,940.00
Difference under\$329.00
Mass Attendance78/74

Week # 51 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal\$166,719
Fiscal YTD Actual\$162,065



St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,308.00
Collection 6-17-18\$2,058.00
Difference under\$250.00
Mass Attendance102

Week # 51 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal\$117,708
Fiscal YTD Actual\$126,374

SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58
Total Amount Pledged \$51,518
Total Paid 6-17-18 \$40,508

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.